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2005 CPT-4/HCPCS Updates: Implementation November 1, 2005

The 2005 updates to the *Current Procedural Terminology – 4th Edition* (CPT-4) and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) National Level II codes will be effective for Medi-Cal for dates of service on or after November 1, 2005. Specific policy changes are highlighted below. Updated manual replacement pages reflecting the policy changes will be published in a future *Medi-Cal Update.*

DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
Deleted and Replacement HCPCS Codes
The following are deleted HCPCS DME codes and their 2005 replacement codes. The policy of the deleted code(s) applies to the replacement code(s).

Deleted Code(s)	Replacement Code(s)
K0627	E0849
K0059 – K0061	E2205
K0081	E2206
E1012	E2292
E1013	E2294
K0650 – K0666	E2601 – E2617, respectively
K0668	E2619

Billing and Reimbursement Restrictions for Select DME HCPCS Codes
New HCPCS code A7045 (exhalation port for positive airway device) is a supply for another DME item and may only be purchased as a replacement for patient-owned equipment. Code A7045 requires a *Treatment Authorization Request* (TAR) and must be billed with modifier -NU (new equipment [purchase]). Reimbursement is limited to one in a 12-month period.

Code E0637 (patient lift, combination sit to stand system, any size, with seat lift, with or without wheels) must now be billed "By Report."

Code E0849 (traction equipment, cervical, free-standing stand/frame) requires prior authorization and is taxable.

Codes E8000 – E8002 (gait trainers) require prior authorization and are reimbursable only for recipients 65 years of age and younger.

Billing and Reimbursement Restrictions for Select Wheelchair and Wheelchair Accessories Codes
Codes E1229, E1239, E2291 – E2294, E2609 – E2610 and E2617 – E2618 require prior authorization.

Codes E2205 and E2206 are not separately reimbursable with codes E1161, E1229, E1231 – E1238, K0001 – K0007 and K0009 when billed during the same month of service.

Code E2368 is not separately reimbursable with codes E1239, K0010 – K0012 and K0014 when billed for the same month of service.

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CPT-4/HCPCS *(continued)*

Purchase Frequency Restrictions for Select DME Codes
The following DME HCPCS codes have purchase restrictions as noted:

- Codes E2291 – E2294 and E2601 – E2621 are limited to one in a 12-month period.
- Codes E2205 and E2206 are limited to two in a 12-month period.
- Codes E0849, E1039, E1229, E1239, E2368 – E2370 and E8000 – E8002 are limited to one in three years.

Benefits for CCS Clients
The following new DME HCPCS codes are benefits for California Children's Services (CCS) clients only:

- E0463 and E0464 (ventilator)
- E0639 (movable patient lift)
- E0640 (fixed patient lift)

These codes may be reimbursed for Medi-Cal recipients (21 years of age or older) only with an approved TAR.

Reimbursement Restrictions
Ventilator codes E0463 and E0464 may only be rented (bill with modifier -RR [rental]).

Patient lift codes E0639 and E0640 are taxable. Purchase reimbursement is limited to one in three years.

Special Power Wheelchair Interfaces
New DME modifier -KC (replacement of special power wheelchair interface) is activated for use with HCPCS codes E2320 – E2322 and E2327 (special interface for power wheelchair). Claims for these codes must now be billed "By Report" with modifier -NU or -RR at the time the wheelchair is initially purchased or rented. Reimbursement will be the lesser of the amount billed or the maximum allowable for modifier -NU or -RR, as appropriate. Subsequent claims for the replacement of these special interfaces must be billed with modifiers -RP/-NU/-KC or -RR/-KC in that specific order. Reimbursement will be the lesser of the amount billed or the maximum allowable for modifier -KC. Following are the modifier-specific reimbursement rates for these codes:

HCPCS Code	Rental Rates		Purchase Rates	
	-RR	-RR/-KC	-NU	-RP/-NU/-KC
E2320	$102.59	$139.07	$1,025.90	$1,390.58
E2321	$158.92	$223.10	$1,589.10	$2,231.00
E2322	$141.03	$236.26	$1,410.36	$2,362.59
E2327	$261.24	$342.08	$2,612.38	$3,420.77

Reimbursement Adjustments for Select DME Codes
Due to recent adjustments to the Medicare rates for HCPCS codes E0260, E0277, E0431, E0434, E0439, E0570, E1010, E1390, E1391, E2320 – E2324, E2326 – E2330, E2340, E2341 – E2343 and K0001, the Medi-Cal reimbursement rates for these codes have been revised.

Please see **CPT-4/HCPCS**, *page 3*

CPT-4/HCPCS *(continued)*

ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS

Deleted and Replacement HCPCS Codes

The following are deleted HCPCS prosthetics codes and their 2005 replacement codes. The policy of the deleted code applies to the replacement code.

Deleted Codes	Replacement Code
L5674, L5675	L5685

Reimbursement Restrictions for New Orthotic and Prosthetic Codes

The following new HCPCS codes have Medi-Cal policy and/or frequency restrictions as noted:

- Code L4002 is limited to 16 per year.
- Codes L1932, L2005 and L5856 – L5857 are limited to one in three years.
- Codes L2232, L5685, L6694 – L6698 and L7181 are limited to two in three years.
- Codes L2005, L2232, L6694 – L6698 and L7181 require prior authorization.
- Codes L1932, L2232, L4002 and L5685 are reimbursable to podiatrists.

Reimbursement Adjustments for Orthotic Procedures

The maximum reimbursement rates for orthotic HCPCS codes K0646 and K0648 have been revised.

CPT-4 Procedure Codes and Modifiers Billing Reminder

Providers are reminded that they must select the appropriate CPT-4 code and modifier when billing. The CPT-4 code descriptor must match the procedure performed.

This information is reflected on manual replacement page hcfa comp 16 (Part 2).

FFS/MCN Information Removed from Manual

Fee-for-Service/Managed Care Network (FFS/MCN) pilot program information is being removed from the provider manual. FFS/MCN was terminated effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2003. Information about the program, which consisted of Placer County Managed Care Network (Health Care Plan [HCP] 640) and Sonoma County Partners for Health Managed Care Network (HCP 642), was retained in the provider manual for a period of two years to help providers with final billing.

Providers should remove pages mcp ffs bil 1 thru 5 (Part 2) from their manuals.

Inpatient Provider Cutoff Date for Proprietary and Non-HIPAA Standard Electronic Claims Formats: December 1, 2005

In accordance with efforts to comply with the federally mandated Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Medi-Cal has established a plan to discontinue acceptance of proprietary and non-HIPAA standard electronic formats for electronic claims transactions. The first provider community to be affected is the Inpatient provider community.

Beginning **December 1, 2005**, proprietary and non-HIPAA standard electronic claim formats submitted by Inpatient providers will no longer be accepted.

Providers may call the Telephone Service Center (TSC) at 1-800-541-5555 for more information.

Cutoff dates for non-HIPAA standard claim formats for all other provider communities will be announced in upcoming *Medi-Cal Updates*.

Instructions for Manual Replacement Pages — Part 2

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Remove and replace: *Contents for Orthotics and Prosthetics Billing and Policy* iii/iv *****

Remove and replace: cal child bil 1/2 *
hcfa comp 13/14 * and 15/16

Remove the section *MCP: Fee-For-Service/ Managed Care Network (FFS/MCN) Billing Guidelines*: mcp ffs bil 1 thru 5

Remove and replace: modif app 3/4 *

* Pages updated due to ongoing provider manual revisions.